Reply of Government.—Referred to the Survey Commissioner for needful action. If any channels have been omitted, they may be brought to the notice of the Survey authorities at the time of settlement.

SUBJECT No. 152.

Regulation of water distribution by chakras,

Mr. Gurulinge Gowda, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The chakras in villages were doing collection work for six months in a year and were supplying water from branch channels to the lands during the rest of the period. This was a great help to the raiyats. For this work they were being remunerated by *miras* from raiyats and they also enjoyed Inam lands given by Government. This system is now discontinued to the inconvenience of raiyats. It is therefore prayed that the old system of distributing water be revived.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Revenue Commissioner for disposal.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Appointment of *Nirgantis* for each major tank.

Mr. Totada Siddappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Salaried *nirgantis* may be appointed by Government to each of the tanks yielding more than Rs. 300 revenue to ensure proper distribution of water for irrigation and to prevent wastage.

Reply of Government.—*Nirgantis* wherever they exist are remunerated by miras according to custom. Salaried *nirgantis* can only be appointed in the case of large tanks which have been newly constructed by Government.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Reservation of tank water for irrigating garden and sugar-cane crops.

Mr. K. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the present mode of distribution of water, gardens are deteriorating and sugar-cane cultivation is losing its charm. The owners of lands lying close to the sluice are those who derive the most benefit. Garden owners are not only to pay assessment without adequate return but also run the risk of their gardens drying up for want of timely irrigation. It is suggested therefore that when a tank fails to receive less than half its supply, the water stored may be ordered to be reserved for garden or sugar-cane crops and when it discharges its *kodi* to allow half its storage for wet cultivation.

Regulation of water-supply.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Those who own lands near the bund of the tank receive a better supply of water than those who have their lands at a distance, and quarrels often arise in respect of the distribution of water. It is therefore requested that rules may be framed for regulating the use of the water of such tanks.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter which should be attended to by co-operation amongst the land-owners themselves. When village panchayats are instituted, such functions would devolve upon them. The matter will however be referred to the Revenue Commissioner for consideration.